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The Honorable Sander M. Levin

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House Committee on Ways & Means 1236 Longworth House Office Building United States House of Representatives District of Columbia 20515-2212

Dear Chairman Levin:

The National Employment Opportunity Network (NEON) which works with thousands of employers across the country to help them identify, hire and retain the structurally unemployed who are on pubic assistance programs or who have lost their jobs due to natural disasters, wants to express our strong support for H.R. 4213 the American Jobs and Closing Tax Loopholes Act of 2010.

Employers across the country have continued to hire people through the Work Opportunity Tax Credit (WOTC) Designated Zone Residents program, the Tax Incentives for Investment in the District of Columbia initiative as well as through the Katrina WOTC hiring incentive in the expectation that these programs would be renewed. These employers have waited at least five months and in some cases nearly 10 months to access these hiring tax incentives. Enactment of these provisions would act as a major stimulus to these employers at a time when they continue to feel the impact of the recession on their bottom line.

NEON urges all Members of Congress to vote for H.R. 4213.

Sincerely,

Carl Cohen President